

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant:                      Tachibana et al.  
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**AMENDMENT and REPLY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 6 April 2007, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Introductory Comments**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.